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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Peacekeeping operations

1. It is recalled that revisions to programme narratives under programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the biennial programme plan for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 and section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the programme budgets for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 were submitted for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-seventh session, subject to any decisions of the General Assembly on the comprehensive report on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peace operations (A/61/858 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2).

2. Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennium programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/80), the Committee for Programme and Coordination, in paragraph 62 of its report,[1] recommended that the General Assembly further consider the proposed changes to the biennial programme plan and priorities in respect of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, in the light of General Assembly resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations.

3. On the basis of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/279, subprogramme 5, Field administrative support, and subprogramme 6, Integrated support services, of programme 4 of the biennial programme plans and section 5, of the programme budgets for 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, which were proposed in document A/62/80, have been revised (see tables 1 and 2 and paras. 4 and 5 below).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

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Table 1
Subprogramme 5
Field administrative support

Objective of the Organization: To staff and finance United Nations peacekeeping and related operations to enable them to fulfil their mandates efficiently and effectively, as authorized by the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
Increased efficiency and effectiveness of peace operations	(a) Average international civilian personnel vacancy rates for field mission reduced to 20 per cent from 25 per cent for missions in a start-up, expansion or liquidation phase, and to 10 per cent for all other field missions
	(b) Number of applicable support manuals and instances of policy guidance provided to field missions
	(c) High percentage of senior staff present in the field at the commencement of a mission
	(d) Streamlined process of civilian recruitment and reduction of waiting times
	(e) Maintenance of a six-month average processing time (from the date of receipt of a mission-certified claim to its approval by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations) for contingent-owned equipment claims
	(f) Provision of training on/familiarization with the United Nations standard of conduct to all peacekeeping personnel

Strategy

4. Within the Department of Field Support, substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Field Personnel Division and the Field Budget and Finance Division. The activities of the two Divisions include ongoing support for peacekeeping and other field operations in the areas of personnel, budget and finance. The subprogramme will staff and finance missions to enable the effective and efficient fulfilment of their mandates, respond to changing circumstances on the ground or changes in mandate and provide administrative support assistance and services to missions as required. The subprogramme will continually monitor and provide policy guidance and oversight on the delivery of administrative support. The subprogramme is charged with enhancing resource planning and improving project management techniques and processes, including the development of a repertoire of replicable support models for a variety of strategic conditions related to launching, sustaining and liquidating missions. The subprogramme will also work towards ensuring operational readiness and will prioritize the timely deployment of

financial and personnel resources, as well as enhance its capacity to rapidly deploy a fully effective mission to areas of operation. It will strengthen and support the operational capacities of the Department by managing and coordinating training and career development for civilian staff in field missions. Concerted efforts will be made to improve the gender balance and geographical distribution in the staffing of field missions.

Table 2
Subprogramme 6
Integrated support services

Objective of the Organization: To equip United Nations peacekeeping and related operations to fulfil their mandates efficiently and effectively, as authorized by the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Reduction of the time required to plan, rapidly deploy and establish peacekeeping and other operations in response to Security Council mandates	(a) 100 per cent readiness of strategic deployment stocks at mission start-up
(b) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of peace operations	(b) (i) 95 per cent of all immediate operational requirements achieved by the target date (ii) Number of applicable support manuals and instances of policy guidance developed or revised and provided to field missions (iii) Wide-area network is up 99.8 per cent of the time (iv) Deployment of full information and communications technology capabilities, including secure voice, data and video services, within 20 hours of arrival of equipment and personnel

Strategy

5. Within the Department of Field Support, substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Logistics Support Division and the Communications and Information Technology Service. The activities of these offices include ongoing support for peacekeeping and other operations in the areas of logistics and information and communications technology. The subprogramme will equip missions to enable the effective and efficient fulfilment of their mandates, respond to changing circumstances on the ground or changes in mandate and provide integrated support services to missions as required. The subprogramme will continually monitor and provide policy guidance and oversight on the delivery of

integrated support. The subprogramme will also work towards the effective management of field missions. To that end, the subprogramme will enhance resource planning and improve project management techniques and processes, including the development of a repertoire of replicable support models for a variety of strategic conditions related to launching, sustaining and liquidating missions. The subprogramme will also work towards ensuring operational readiness and will prioritize the timely deployment of material resources, as well as enhance its capacity to rapidly deploy a fully effective mission to areas of operation.